

# 19th HunGarian Baja 2022

04-07 August 2022



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Date: **Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

Time: 14:30

Subject: **DECISION N°1**

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From: *The Stewards*

To: *Competitor car no. 200 Name: Joao Ferreira*

*Crew: Joao Ferreira and David Monteiro*

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course, having examined the photo evidence, summoned and heard the drivers Joao Ferreira and David Monteiro (summon no.1), have considered the following matter, determine the following:

**Driver and car no:** Joao Ferreira 200

**Competitor:** Joao Ferreira

**Fact:** Crew No. 200 stopped on 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2022, around 16:00 hrs, in the neutralisation zone between ASS 3A and DDS 3B (at km 83,50) next to a national scrutineer and a marshal to swap the wheels on the left side of the car.

**Offence:** breach of Art. 45.1.2, 58.1 and 58.7.2. of CCRSR 2022

**Decision: 3 min. time penalty to be applied for competitor no. 200 to the Leg 1**

**Reason:** A hearing was held on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2022 at 12.50 hrs, in the Stewards room with both drivers attending.

Mr. Ferreira openly admitted the infringement, arguing that on the previous part of the section they hit a rock with the front left wheel and the steering banged so badly that the car was difficult to drive. For safety reasons they wanted to change this wheel to the rear axle. He thought, that under the supervision of the officials, the move was allowed despite Parc fermé conditions.

However, neither driver was communicating with the officials.

Finally, Mr. Ferreira apologized for this.

The stewards agreed, that this was a breach of parc fermé rules, although the regulations allow it under special conditions.

This is the obvious difference between the service area and parc ferme. In the parc ferme area, it is forbidden to repair a car.

Art. 58.7.2 of 2022 CCRSR provides for the possibility of an exception and the conditions under which the exemption may apply. But the exception can not be made by default. The crew should take the initiative to ask for that exception, or at least inform the official persons, that a particular situation they have experienced meets the conditions for granting that exemption. Otherwise (if the crew does not show any initiative), official persons can only observe and record what is happening and do not even know for what reason the crew performs one or another action. At least in a case where visually it is not obvious (for example, when the wheel is broken, the tire is empty, when the wheels are replaced not with each other, but with spare wheels, etc.), crew have to contact official persons. In this case, this was not obvious, since the wheels were interchangeable with each other (from rear to front and vice versa).

In this situation, the crew should have had only contacted the officials on site.

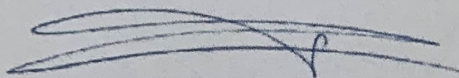
On the other hand, the stewards understand the argument put forward by the crew that they did not really hide anything, but did everything in the presence of official persons. However, this does not change the situation in the sense that the infringement has been committed. Depending on the facts, this may affect the severity of the penalty to be imposed.

Although disqualification may also be imposed in the event of a violation of the rules of parc ferme, in this case the Stewards have decided that a sufficient penalty is a time penalty.

The open-minded behavior of the drivers affected the Stewards decision.

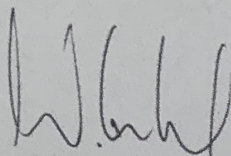
The Stewards have decided that in this case the penalty corresponding to the nature and severity of the violation is a time penalty of 3 minutes.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.



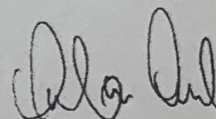
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FIA Chairman of the Stewards



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FIA Steward



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**Received by the Competitor:**

Signature: *João Ferreira*

Date: *07/08/2022*

Time: *15:16*